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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Colfax Boy's Death Under Investigation
Location of Call: Colfax
Released by: Dena Erwin (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The death of a 16-year-old Colfax boy is under investigation after his body was found abandoned in a field Sunday.

Placer County Sheriff's detectives said the boy, whose name is not being released because he is a juvenile, attended a party at a Colfax home Saturday night, where witnesses reported that he was drinking alcohol. Witnesses also told investigators that the boy brought a prescription bottle containing an unknown medication, some of which he consumed. He also offered the pills to others.

The boy, a Chana High School student, passed out in one of the bedrooms, where he was found the following morning by the male homeowner who had not been home during the party. He told another boy to "get him out of here," so the boy placed the unconscious youth in a chair in the home's front yard.

Later, the still-unconscious boy was carried to a nearby field and left alone. Acquaintances who heard what had happened went to the field, found their friend unconscious and called authorities.

An autopsy was performed on the boy Monday and cause of death is pending toxicology, which could take up to 10 weeks. Detectives are interviewing other witnesses and the adult homeowner could face criminal charges.